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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred to Committee: February 4, 1998

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 2/27/98

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered:

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SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

STEP FAMILY DAY

Relating to Step Family Day.

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute _____ the same title a new title

additional referral to _____ Committee

attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): _____ (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: _____ (Dept/Date)

fiscal note(s) _____

fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) LAA

zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	DP	DNP	NR	AM
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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

NO. _____
BILL VERSION: HCR 25
PUBLISH DATE: _____

Revision Date: _____
Title: Relating to Step Family Day.
Sponsor: Representative Dyson
Requestor: House HESS

Department Affected: Legislative Affairs Agency
BRU: All
Component: All

COMPONENT SERIAL NO:

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUND SOURCE						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Zero fiscal impact.

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REPRESENTATIVE FRED DYSON

SSHCR 25 Sponsor Statement

A Resolution relating to Step Families Day, September 16th

July 28 is National Parents Day and the structure of the American family is changing. Everyday in America, a new family is born through the marriage of couples who have children from another relationship.

According to The Stepfamily Foundation, Inc., of the 83.5 million households in America, close to 70% of them are stepfamilies. By the year 2000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than half of Americans will be living in step-families versus the nuclear family.

This day would be a monumental observation for all the couples and their children who believe in marriage; who are committed to the success of their family, even though the nuclear family may have been dissolved by death or divorce.

The purpose of this resolution is to support and recognize the step family. The ultimate goal is to set aside a national day to recognize the men, women and children who are blended together by marriage. To encourage this move, each state has been asked to offer its support by creating a Step Families Day. So far, nearly half of all 50 states have committed September 16th, many others are considering legislation.

The Sponsor Substitute reflects only a change to the address found on the last two lines of the resolution.

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December 15, 1997

Dear Representative Dyson:

We are excited to have your support in our efforts to set aside a day to honor the stepfamily. According to The Stepfamily Foundation, Inc., "of the 83.5 million households in America, close to 70% of them are stepfamilies." We know the citizens of Alaska will be pleased that you have chosen to introduce legislation to acknowledge the unique struggles and triumphs that the stepfamily faces.

As per your request, enclosed you will find our biographies. As board members of The Stepfamily Foundation, Inc. - the stepfamily pioneer - we have also included the biographies of Jeannette Lofas, Ph.D., CSW (Founder and President of The Stepfamily Foundation, Inc.) and Barry Miller, Ph.D. (Director of Research and Corporate Relations.) We are proud to inform you that The Stepfamily Foundation, Inc. has joined with us in our "grass roots" efforts to set aside a day to honor the stepfamily.

In May 1997, two stepmothers from differing states discovered there was not a day to honor the stepfamily. After conceiving the idea of having a day dedicated to the thousands of stepfamily of this nation. My dream was shared with Debra and the rest is history! Months were dedicated to our computer, fax and phone. With loving support from our families, we were determined to bring the Stepfamily to the forefront of this nation. Because we acted on "gut feeling" with all our hearts, we were successful in bringing our gift to the nation, Stepfamily Day, September 16, 1997.

The ripple effect of the stepfamily goes beyond the parents and children. It affects the grandparents, aunts, uncles, and the former spouse. This day is not to promote divorce...bad choices...or another reason for Hallmark® to make a new card... but rather a positive impact to all the stepfamilies of this nation. It's time to deal with reality... our morals and values tell us that the nuclear family is best! However, with the US Census bureau predicting that, by the year 2000, half of the population will be living in stepfamilies rather than nuclear families, it seemed to us that it is inevitable that the stepfamily will increasingly become more common in the new millennium.

Stepfamily Day:

- This day is enhanced by our strong commitment to supporting the Stepfamilies and their mission to raise their children.

SUPPORT

- To create strong family structures to support the individual members of the family.
- To instill in them a sense of responsibility to the other family members.

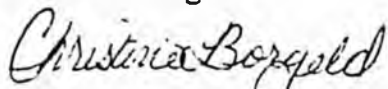
The United States has been blessed by thousands upon thousands of loving stepparents and stepchildren, who are daily reminders of the joys, trials and triumphs of the stepfamily experience and of the boundless love which is contained in the bond between all types of parent and children.

- Celebration of the many invaluable contributions which stepfamilies have made to enrich the lives and life experience of the children and parents of America and to Strengthen the fabric of American society.

We are honored that the State of Alaska would bring a resolution to Congress on behalf of the Stepfamilies of Alaska. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude and thanks for becoming a part of the reality of the Stepfamily.

Please contact me if you have any questions, or require additional information. I look forward to speaking with you again in the near future.

Respectfully Yours,
Christine Borgeld



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To: Representative Fred Dyson at LAA_TRANS

Thank you for your support of Stepfamily Day on September, 16. I read the text of your resolution, its fantastic. However, I have several suggestions. Christine Borgeld has done an excellent job with government at all levels promoting step family day and is a very important member of our team. The Stepfamily Foundation's International Headquarters reads as follows: Stepfamily Foundation, Inc. 333 West End Avenue, New York, New York 10023. Could you reflect that in your document? Also if you or others would like more information about us, please check our websight, www.stepfamily.org. Can you hyperlink our webssight to this document? I would appreciate hearing from you. Sicerely, Barry Miller, Director, Stepfamily Foundation.